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Trade Rerouted Due to Port of Entry Inspection Suspension

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Livestock and Products

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Report Highlights:

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has modified its cattle import inspection operations along the border in Northern Mexico, suspending operations at Piedras Negras (Eagle Pass). APHIS is currently collaborating with Mexican officials on long-term solutions to ensure trade in livestock between the United States and Mexico is minimally affected due to the border security situation.

General Information:

Effective June 24, 2010, APHIS suspended inspections of live animals for import into the United States at the port of entry at Piedras Negras, Coahuila (Eagle Pass, Texas). The operation has been shifted to the port of entry at Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila (Del Rio, Texas).

In addition, APHIS has previously established temporary inspections points for the inspection of live animals for import on the U.S. side of the border in Pharr and Laredo, Texas.

APHIS is taking these temporary steps to ensure the safety of its employees. These temporary steps are subject to change without notice as a result of security concerns along the border.